

How to install Prym anorak snaps



Pattern for this pouch [here](#).

For installing Prym Anorak snaps you need a few tools.

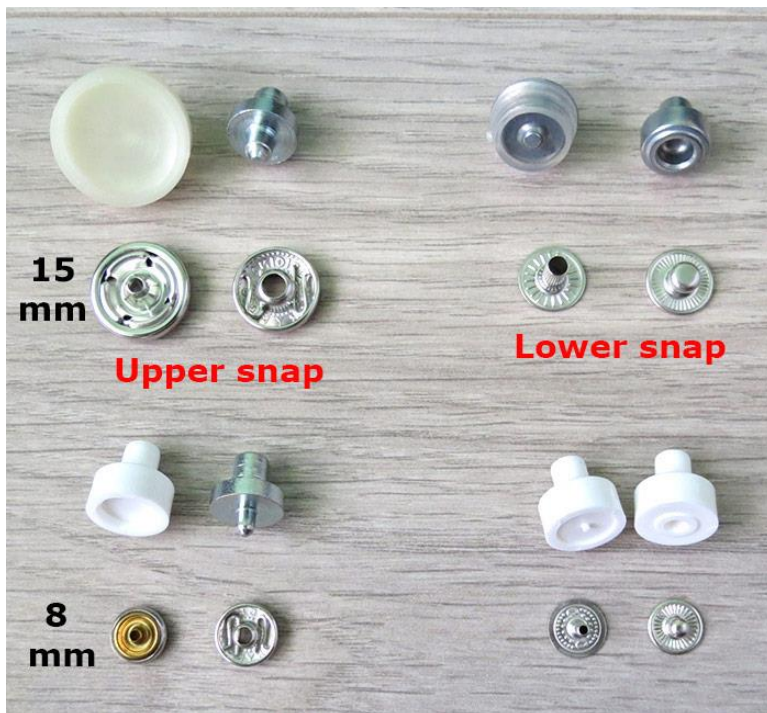


The tools come in the package with the snaps (you need a hammer also) but if you are serious about snaps (if you make lots of pouches, bags, garments), a Prym Vario pliers is worth the investment (if you don't already have it; I have it from a Vario Plus kit that comes with different types of snaps).

The snaps come in different sizes. 15 mm (diameter) snaps are great for bags; 12 mm or smaller are great for pouches.



Each package comes with the corresponding hand tools needed for installing. The best part is that these tools (for most sizes I suppose) fit the Vario pliers so you don't have to use the hammer!



Each snap button has four parts; the button cap with socket (the upper snap), and the stud with corresponding post (lower snap).



These are the two parts of the upper snap: a cap and a socket and the corresponding tool to each part of the snap. Insert the tools into the pliers.



Make a small hole in the fabric using punch pliers or an awl. Push the cap pin from the right side of your piece to the wrong side through the hole.

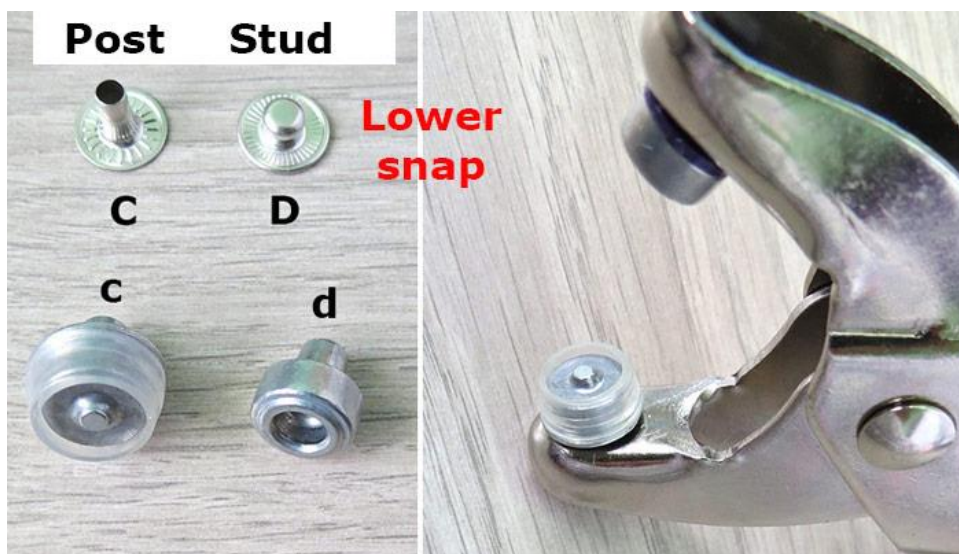


Place the socket on the cap post from the back side of your piece.

Hold the pliers so the the cap sits in the white bowl shaped attachment and the socket is on the top.



Make sure all parts are lined up; gently close the pliers until you feel the pieces lightly click together. Then **squeeze the pliers really hard**, holding the bottom of the handles with both hands. This will lock the snap parts together securely.

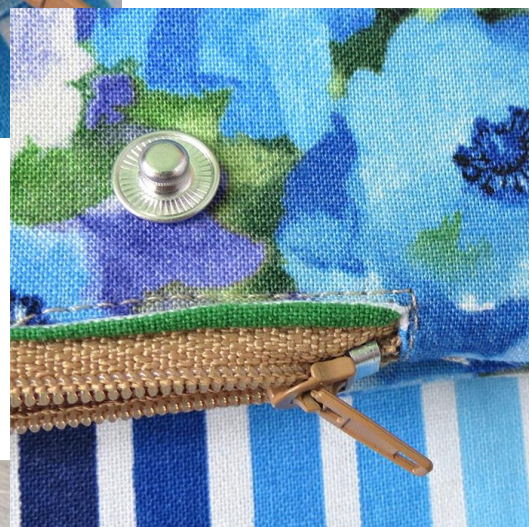


Repeat the process with the two parts of the lower snap (see below); insert the corresponding tools into the pliers.



The post is inserted from the wrong side of your piece.

Place the stud on the post, on the right side of your work.



Hold the pliers so the tools are positioned as in this picture; place the snap into the pliers and squeeze firmly the pliers.



Here is the result:

How to install KAM plastic snaps



You can buy a KAM starter kit like this.

Dritz and Prym have similar snaps and the installing process is similar with the one presented here.

Kam snaps come in different prong lengths and cap sizes. Size 20 (0.5", 12.4 mm- this is the diameter of the cap) is used often. These snaps have a 5.6 mm prong length (regular size- there are caps with shorter and longer prongs).



A complete snap consists of two caps, one stud and one socket. To install the snaps, you need these tools: pliers and awl. If you don't want a kit, you can buy the snaps and tools separately.

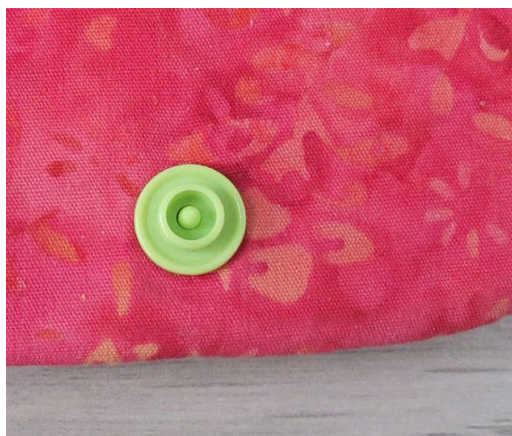


Here is how to install the snaps on the flap and body of a pouch.
Decide on your snap placement and use the awl to pierce a hole in the flap and body of the pouch.

Here are the two pieces used on the flap and the two pieces used on the body of the pouch.



Push the cap pin from the front side of the flap to the back through the hole.



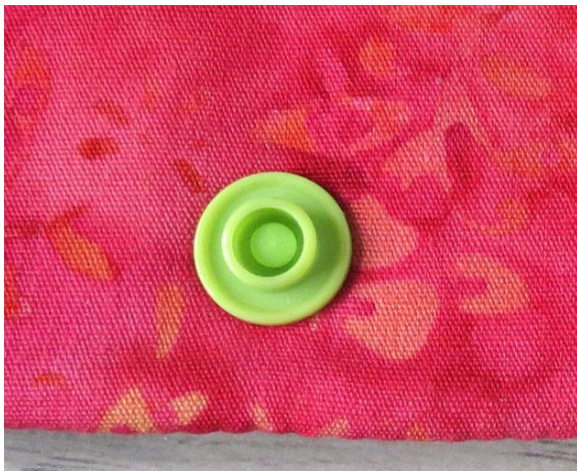
Then place the stud piece onto the cap pin from the back side of the flap.



Take your KAM pliers and position it like in the picture below. The cap of the snap will be placed into the black die tray. The stud will be placed under the white rubber head.



Hold the pliers so that the bottom part rests on a table. Slip the snap pieces into the pliers. Make sure the cap stays nicely centered on the die tray, with no part of the cap outside of the die tray. Press **firmly** on the top handle. Do not press with the work hanging in the air, make sure the work is resting on the table when you do this!



Remove the fabric from between the pliers; the prong has been flattened, securing the stud in place.



In the same way install the other part of the snap, on the opposite side of your work (the body of the pouch, in this case).



How to install PRYM plastic snaps



For these snaps you need a Vario pliers and you have to buy

separately these tool set.

If you have the Vario pliers from a VARIO PLUS kit, you still have to buy the tools for the plastic snaps.





Inserting the tools into the pliers and setting the snaps is similar with the process described previously.

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